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CIA name lists: a promotion of world socialism

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Publication by a West German underground weekly of the names of 15 Americans said to be working for the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency was part of an international effort "to expose CIA agents all over the world," a spokesman for the newspaper said.

The weekly, called Information Service with the subtitle "Distribution of neglected news," is affiliated with the "Liberation News Service" of New York, the spokesman said. It is published in Frankfurt.

Similar lists of alleged CIA agents have been published in the Netherlands, France, Spain, Britain, Portugal, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Finland, and Greece.

It was after the publication of a list in Greece in December that Richard Welch, CIA station chief at the American embassy in Athens, was shot and killed outside his home.

The issue of the German weekly with the list also contained an interview with Philip Agee, the former CIA agent who has written a book on the agency.

A spokesman for the United States Embassy here said the names printed in the underground paper appear in the embassy phone book. The embassy has protested publication of the list.

The spokesman for the magazine said its purpose was to help establish a "free socialist alternative society." The purpose of publishing the names, he said, was that the "people who are affected by the CIA have a right to know who they are and who appoints them."

He went on: "The CIA is a paramilitary organization and its agents are at least as responsible for the development of political policy as elected politicians."

The weekly's list was published on the same day that a West German television film feature identified two Soviet diplomats as members of the Soviet intelligence service, the KGB.

The Soviet Embassy here has protested the film as a violation of the Vienna convention on diplomatic relations between states.

The film included dramatic shots (taken from the rear of a disguised car) of the Soviet diplomats as they drove through the streets of Bonn. One of the diplomats has already been recalled to Moscow.

The film included statements by two West German citizens who said they were paid by KGB men to supply information.

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